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In re Application of:	) ) )
SMITH et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2855 ) ) Examiner: Unknown
Entitled: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING BENDING IN A PIN MEMBER"	) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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**Assistant Commissioner** for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the attached sheets. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501324 and accept this paper as a petition for extension.